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Community Pleased with DMV opening in Kaneohe

The new Koolau shopping center DMV facility has been in the works for two years and will open officially on December 21st

Honolulu: A new Windward DMV licensing facility will open this week after two years of planning and construction. The opening is particularly satisfying to City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz who initialized funding requests for a Windward DMV facility back in 2004 for his constituency. Community members pointed to the long travel times to Pearl City and Kalihi for drivers license services following the closure of the Kaneohe DMV facility in 2004.

"The community spoke out as soon as the Kaneohe facility closed in '04 – people were having to take more time out of their day to drive to another location. The Windward side needed this facility and thankfully the Council worked together to solve the problem," says Dela Cruz.

The new Ahuimanu facility was first proposed in 2004 by Dela Cruz and subsequent funding was requested in 2005 for staffing of the facility. The new location will be equipped for driving tests as well as license and registration renewal.

"We're all looking forward to the opening of the facility. Its location is perfect for people to stop at the DMV and also take advantage of the other businesses in the area. Families will save time by being able to go to one location for several errands," remarks Dela Cruz.

<u>What</u>: Koolau Shopping Center DMV Opening <u>When</u>: Thursday, December 21st, 9:00 a.m. <u>Where</u>: Koolau Shopping Center, Ahuimanu

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